

A man with grey hair, smiling, is seated in a plush, tufted armchair. He is wearing a light blue suit jacket over a matching vest and a white shirt with a red tie featuring a small gold cross pattern. A white pocket square is visible in his jacket. He holds a large, open book with both hands. To his left, a wooden desk holds a glass vase with red flowers and a small, ornate glass jar. In the background, a window with gold curtains shows a scenic view of a lake, mountains, and a forest. A bookshelf filled with books is visible to the right.

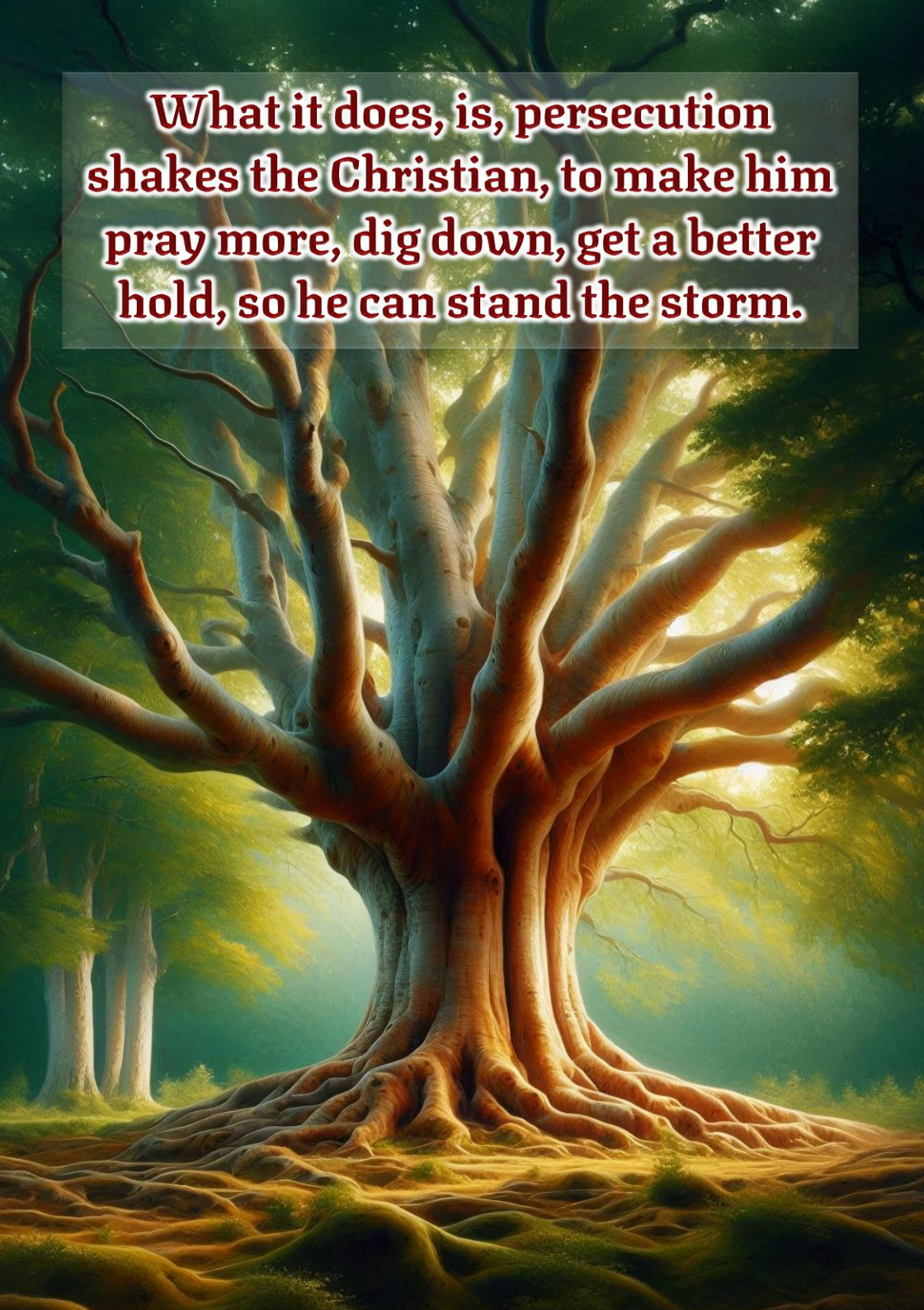
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shakes the Christian, to make him
pray more, dig down, get a better
hold, so he can stand the storm.**



William Marrion Branham

*Title: 62-0422 — The Restoration
Of The Bride Tree*

154 You know, you take a tree,
a big old tree.

I, when I was a boy, I used to go
out, and we'd, us boys, we'd go
out, and had a big old tree we used
to set under, big old beech tree.

And the winds would blow.

And I wonder, looked like that thing, so much in the top, looked like it'd blow the—the thing over.

But, you know, every time wind blows on a tree, it rocks the tree, and it loosens up the roots, so that they can just dig deeper and get a better hold.


155 And that's the way, mockery, laughing, making fun of a Christian.

What it does, is, persecution shakes the Christian, to make

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**Neither
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*Title: 63-0825M — How Can I
Overcome?*

65 In Noah's time, type of today: Jesus referred to it, and said, "As it was in Noah's time, so shall it be in the Coming of the Son of man. In Noah's time, so shall it be in the Coming of the Son of man." Notice, there were all that antediluvian world, perhaps of millions of people, there was eight

overcomers. Eight people overcome, that was real, genuine overcomers. There was Noah's three sons and their wives, and Noah and his wife. Eight overcome, that entered the ark at the appropriate time. How did they do it? They listened to the Word of God. They wasn't caught outside the door. They were caught inside the door.

**66 Oh, my beloved friends,
don't let that door shut. Jesus**

said, “As it was in that day, so shall it be in the Coming of the Son of man.” (Thank you, brother.) “So shall it be in the Coming of the Son of man.” Now, there’s somebody is going to get caught outside that door.

Many of them might have had good intentions, and, “Some day, if such things happen, we’ll go in with Brother Noah, ’cause he’s a fine fellow.” But, you see, it caught just eight inside.

67 Now, think hard now. If you are laying around, getting doty, get in. Hurry, quick, 'cause the door might close at any time.

68 And there's always been an ark in God's economy. There was an ark in the days of Noah, for the saving of His people. There was an ark in the days of the law, ark of testimony. In the days of the law, they followed the ark.

And there is a third dispensation now; like Noah's

time, Lot's time, and now this time. There is an ark now. And that ark is not a denomination, neither is it a good works that you do. It's "by one Spirit," Romans 8:1, "we are all baptized into one Body, in the domain of that Kingdom, one Spiritual baptism."

No matter how good, how bad, whatever, you're in that Kingdom by—by Holy Ghost baptism. See? That's the only way you overcome.

It's all that is under the shed
Blood is overcomers, 'cause you
cannot overcome, yourself. It's
He that overcome for you. You're
resting.

69 “How will I know then,
Brother Branham, that I'm in
There?”

Watch what kind of a life
you're living.

Just look around. See if it's
just lived out of you,

automatically. Or, do you have to strain and pull, see, then you're doing it.

But don't try to do it. Did you ever try? Yeah. Don't.

70 Just like putting a little baby's arm in a sleeve hole, you see.

He's just up, down, over, and everything else. See?

He can't do it.

“Put on your coat, honey.” He can’t do it. Little arm is up, down, around. It takes your steady hand.

Oh, how glad I am, I can just yield my hand to Father, say, “Lord Jesus, I can’t get in There. You help me. Put the coat on me.”

I quit trying. Just let Him do it. See?

71 If the little baby keeps trying, “Oh, I can do it. I can do it.”

And he's just everywhere. He can't do it.

Neither can you, neither can I, but if we'll just hold still and let Him do it.

Just yield to Him, "Here, Lord, here I am. Just—just let me be nothing. I—I yield. You put my hand in the right place." That's the victory. That's overcoming.

72 The thing you have to overcome is yourself, your idea,

your thing, and surrender yourself to Him. He overcome for you. He knows the way; we don't.

73 But in Noah's time there was eight overcomers, and that's what went in. They were caught inside.

Now look, friends. I believe they're taping this. And if it's on television, or not tel...pardon me, a tape. Whatever you do, who is listening now, or who will listen hereafter, the hour is very late, and

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you do have good intention, but
be caught inside.

Now, don't struggle.

“Not him that willeth, or him
that runneth, but God.”

Just let God.

Just yield yourself to Him and
walk on, with a perfect, satisfied
faith, that, “What God has
promised He is able to perform.”

Not joining one denomination,
another denomination, running
this, that, or the *other*, trying *this*.

**Just yield yourself to God, and
walk with Him, peaceful, quiet,
not interrupted. Just keep on
walking with Him. That's right.**

74 That's what I told our
brother that just had the—the
breakdown. See? "Just yield to
Him. He's here, He Who knowed
what you have done, and what
caused your being and doing *this*

way, and all that. He knows all about you, and now He's just told you back just what to do. Now," I said, "only thing you have to do is just go do it. That is, forget all about the past, walk, live for the future, in the Glory and Presence of God."

Eight overcomers.



“Heavens and earth shall pass
away, but My Word shall
never pass away.”



William Marrion Branham

Title: 61-0108 — Revelation, Chapter Four Part III

134 And stand here and see this Eternal Word that's waved every storm! When they tried to burn the Bibles and everything, It waved right on just the same, because It said, "Heavens and earth shall pass away, but My Word shall not pass away."

135 Up here near Chicago now, and a—a Bible lays on a pulpit of a church. Way back before the First World War, a missionary had it and a fellow was converted, and he wanted to give the missionary his Bible, said, “I can’t give you this one, my mother had give me this one.” Said, “I, when I get home, I’ll send you one.”

136 He started back across the sea and a German submarine blowed the—the ship up. They

never found a piece of it. And two years later, way down on the coast, they seen a box floating. Some of them thought it might be something that drowned, and so they got the box out and opened it up, two fellows walking along. And in there, the only thing that survived it, there was that Bible he was sending back to the missionary. It lays on a pulpit here near Chicago today, in a Methodist church. “Heavens and earth shall

pass away, but My Word shall not pass away.”

137 During the time of the flood here, in 1937, this little ol’ church, when the mud floors and so forth that was in it, we could ride over the top of it here in a—in a rowboat. The floods went up. And, well, that night when I had preached the Gospel and had left my Bible laying open on the pulpit when I had went home; predicting that flood would come, I said, “I

seen him measure twenty-two feet over Spring Street down here.”

138 Old Brother Jim Wiseheart and them laughed at me. You remember that, Brother George? I said... He—he said, “Oh, Billy, in ’84 it only was about six inches on Spring Street.”

139 I said, “I seen a man come down from the skies, and take a measure stick and stick it there on Spring Street, said twenty-two feet.”

He said, “You’re just excited.”

I said, “I’m not excited! It’s
THUS SAITH THE LORD!”

140 Ask them how many feet
was over Spring Street. Twenty-
two feet to the—the inch! Exactly.

141 And that old Bible where it
had been preached on that night...
She started raining, the floods
breaking through and so forth, and
this old church... The seats went
right straight up to the ceiling, the

Bible went right straight up to the ceiling, washing through here with all that water raising it up. The pulpit went right straight up. They come right down; and every seat set right back in the same place, and the Bible laid right back in the same place, and all that water, and still opened up, the same chapter at the same place.

142 “Heavens and earth will pass away, but My Word shall never pass away.”

143 How that Bible float in that salty water for two years without even soiling the words on It! God's Words are true. Amen.

144 I remember after that, old Brother Jim Wiseheart was so satisfied with that, every time he'd get a pain on his arm... He got some kind of wrong with him when he got about seventy-five years old, he got rheumatism. The pain would go to hurting *here*, he'd run get the Bible, and open it up,

lay it on there, another pain down *here*. I come up there one day and he had so many Bibles over him I couldn't see Brother Jim, he just had Bibles all over him! He said, "It's God's promise!" That's it.

145 "Heavens and earth shall pass away, but My Word shall never pass away."



**I have a battle that no
one knows about**



William Marrion Branham

*Title: 54-0720A — The Maniac Of
Gadara*

19 Now, I am happy.

I get tired.

I get physically wore out.

I have difficults, things that an
ordinary person doesn't have.

You can imagine how Satan fights at me day and night, all the time.

Cast those demons out and they haunt at you.

You see? But all those things there...

I have a battle that no one knows about.

But I love people. I love them with all my heart. And therefore, people know that.

And I have never let my ministry get to a big place, to where it would look like it would **be big**. It might—it might go to my head.

My ministry's been kept little.

And I deal with a few people and about time the crowd gets built up, I move off somewhere else, and just go somewhere else.

Because my—my whole motive is this: to please my heavenly Father.

That's only thing I have to do, is to please Him.

20 And I—I desire the prayer of all you. That always within my own sight, Lord keep me little. See.

That...it's...where I can be to where He can use me.

I want to a place to where He...when the angelic beings

come out together He can say,
“Well, I know My servant William
Branham will mind Me.” That—
that’s what I—I want Him to do.

And then that day...I’ve often
wondered...I’d loved to have been
standing there that day when He
stretched out His arms and said,
“Come unto Me, all ye that labor
and heavy laden, I’ll give you rest.”
I probably never will hear that,
but there’s one thing I am looking
to hear, someday to hear Him

say, “It was well done, My good and faithful servant.”

21 That’s—that’s the Voice that I long to hear.

If He will only let me move into His Kingdom, and then go up close enough that I can lay my hands on His sacred feet, or something like that, that’ll be all right. If I can just see Him...





**Paul was correctly a
prisoner**

William Marrion Branham

Title: 63-0717 — A Prisoner

99 Paul was correctly a prisoner. He wasn't making any wrong statement. He was trained by the Holy Ghost, again, to wait on the Word. Now, he had been trained one way, but—but God had trained him another way now. He was trained by the Holy Spirit to wait upon the Lord, no matter what his ambitions was.

100 Now I'm going to, help by the Holy Spirit, show you something. See? Now let's just take an instance.

101 One day, Paul and Silas, coming down the street in a certain city where they was holding a revival. And a little, demon-possessed girl kept following him, crying out after him. And no doubt but what Paul knowed that he had the authority, as an apostle, to rebuke that evil spirit out of that woman. But did

you notice? He waited, day after day, until, all of a sudden, the Holy Spirit spoke to him, said, “This is the hour.”

102 Then he said, “Thou spirit, come out of her.” See? He knowed to wait on the Lord.

103 And there is where so many people today bring a reproach upon the Word. They go out with an ambition. How many revivals has been left flat because of a thing like that, because the

evangelist don't wait to see what the Lord has got to say! Some of them say, "Come over here," and they—they go right now because the—the association said, "Go." And the Holy Spirit would say something different. Yet, the ambition of the man to become the state presbyter, or—or something another, or some elder, or some bishop, or something would—would pull him, "You must go." And, yet, he knows better. The Holy Spirit saying, "Go *here*."

See? He's yoked to his organization. He's a prisoner to the organization.

104 But if he's yoked to Christ, he's led by the Holy Ghost. He...?... See? He, he's yoked, a prisoner. Don't make any difference what anything else says; it's—it's a—it's a—a sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal. He hears only the Voice of God, and he speaks only when It comes out. He says nothing.

105 Somebody say, “Oh, oh, Brother Jones!” Or, there, Brother Roberts, or some, these great men in our land today, like Tommy Hicks, or—or—or Oral Roberts, or—or Brother Tommy Osborn, some of those great evangelists. If somebody would say, “Say, come over here, Tommy. You’re a great man of God.” (Or Oral.) “And I—I got a—a uncle that’s laying over here, that’s—that’s all bound. And he’s—he’s sick. I want you come

over. I believe you have the strength to heal him.” See?

And maybe the Holy Spirit would say to him, “Not now.”

106 But, yet, to the friendship of that man, he’s duty bound to go with him. If he don’t, he becomes an enemy to that man. That man say, “Well, he went to *so-and-so*, heal that child or that boy. I know he did. And I been his friend, for years, see, and he wouldn’t come to my place.”

107 But if he's constrained by the Holy Spirit not to go, he better not go, if he's yoked to God. His friend, he love. But he better be led of the Holy Spirit to go there, because it won't do any good, anyhow. I experience that so many time.

108 But Paul just waited for the Spirit to tell him what to do. "Wait on the Spirit," said.



**What a day of rejoicing
that will be!**



William Marrion Branham

Title: 60-1211M — The Ten Virgins, And The Hundred And Forty-Four Thousand Jews

There'll be some of you sitting at a table, one of these mornings, one will be taken, the other left. You'll finally wonder, "What's the matter?" Be riding right along in a car, talking to somebody, wife or hubby sitting at the seat; they won't answer, they won't be there. You'll run to the graveyard, there'll

be some graves open, the other ones still closed, “For the rest of the dead lived not for the space of a thousand years.” Just remember, it’s over then!

135 It’ll be a secret coming, no one will know when it’s going to happen. We’re commanded to be ready and watching. We don’t know what hour. But, whatever it is, we’ll not prevent any of these back in *here*; for, just as soon as Jesus appears, the whole watch

rises. Dead or alive, doesn't matter!

136 We don't—we don't meet Him first, we meet one another first. The Bible said, Ephesians, 5th chapter, It said, “For we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord, down here, shall not prevent or hinder those which are asleep.” Them precious ones that sealed their blood...sealed their testimony with their blood. “Not prevent or hinder those that are asleep, for the trumpet will

sound.” Something will take place,
“the Gospel *something* will sound,”
the announcing of His coming.
“And the dead in Christ shall rise
first. And we which are alive and
remain shall be changed.”
Standing, and feel a change come
on: the gray hair go out, the
wrinkles fall away, be changed in a
moment, in a twinkling of an eye.
And we shall meet our loved ones
first: “There’s Mama, Papa, there’s
my buddy. Oh, Hallelujah, we’re
ready! And then, together with

them that were dead,” says the Scripture, “we’ll be caught up in the air to meet the Lord.” The order of the Coming.

137 Oh, to see that old daddy of mine! Oh, my! See them old loved ones that’s went down in the Faith yonder, to meet them. See the sweetness of God, knowing if we met Him first we’d wonder, “Was Mama in it? Did—did Mama finally make it? We’ve preached so hard, we—we tried. Was she here? Is Uncle Joe here?

Is—is the brother here? Is *So-and-so?*” See? “Lord, we love You, we love You, but...” First we’re going to meet one another! Oh—oh—oh! No wondering about it, we’re all there.

138 No wonder they stood and said, “Amen, glory, and wisdom, and honour, and power, and might.”

139 The twenty and four elders took off their crowns and fell on the ground like that, all of them lay

down on the ground and worship Him.

140 One of these days we'll stand out beyond the earth, yonder, the ring of the earth, out yonder somewhere in space; and we won't be in Heaven yet, we'll be caught up to meet Him in the air.

141 When Rebekah decided, quick, deciding that she would go with Eliezer upon the camel to meet Jacob...or meet Isaac which was her to-be husband, she had

never seen him, know that God was leading her. Jacob's son, or... Isaac was on his way out into the field at the cool of the evening. Remember, it was in the evening time. And Rebekah riding on the camel. Eliezer said, "There he comes now." And Rebekah jumped off the camel, pulled the veil from her face. She had never seen him. Didn't know... That was her husband, but she had never seen him. She was going to meet him by faith. (I don't know what He looks

like, but, oh, when I see Him!) Out there when she seen him, it was love at the first sight. And he had never seen her, so he seen her, love at the first sight. And here they come to meet one another in the fields. And he took her in to be his father's kingdom over here and married her.

142 That's the way the Church will be caught up in the air, in the middle of the air, and meet the Lord on His road down. Oh, what an affair it will be, love at the first

sight! And when we stand there upon the rings of this earth and sing them songs of redemption, oh, my! How we'll sing and praise Him for our...the redeeming grace that He's give us. When Angels will cover the sides of the—the circle of the earth with bowed heads, not knowing what we're talking about. Them Angels wasn't lost, they won't know what it means to be saved. We was the ones who was lost, we were the one. We'll understand then what a horrible

thing laid ahead of us, and He redeemed us by His Blood, out of every kindred, tongue, and nation. What a day of rejoicing that will be!

143 I like that song, said:

There's going to be a meeting
in the air,

In the sweet, sweet by and by;

I'm going to meet you and
greet you over there

In that home beyond the sky;

Such singing ever heard, ever
heard by mortal ears,

It'll be glorious, I do declare!

When God's Own Son, He'll be
the leading One

At that meeting in the air. (Oh!)

You heard of little Moses in the
bulrush,

You have heard of fearless
David and his sling;

You heard the story told of
dreaming Joseph,

And of Daniel and the lions we
often sing.

Oh, but there's many, many
others in the Bible,

And I long to meet them all, I do
declare! (That's right!)

And what a joy it'll be when we
meet them

At that meeting in the air.
(Waiting for that day!)





Acts 2:38

**Then Peter said unto them, Repent,
and be baptized every one of you
in the name of Jesus Christ for the
remission of sins, and ye shall
receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**



